of drinking water to Agra city. After due examination of the proposal, permission has been granted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for laying an underground pipeline, as it will not cause any damage to Agra Fort or Taj Mahal. The work would be executed under the supervision of the ASI. The UP Jal Nigam has also been asked to take necessary clearance from concerned Court/other agencies, if found necessary.

(c) and (d) Central Industrial Security Force personnel are deployed at Taj Mahal for the purpose of maintenance of security, in addition to regular watch and ward staff. Modern security gadgets are also installed at Taj Mahal to make the security more effective. At Agra Fort private security personnel have been engaged along with the regular watch and ward staff.

Inter linking of Agra Monuments with Centralized Wireless Radio Communication Network

1527. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to inter-link all the Agra monuments with a centralized wireless radio communication network in order to maintain constant touch with all the monuments under one jurisdiction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far will this move augment the security system and would be cost effective?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Archaeological Survey of India has already installed centralized wireless radio communication network system interlinking all the ticketed monuments of Agra viz. Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Itmad-ud-Daulah, Ram Bagh, Mehatab Bagh, Akbar's tomb, Sikandara, Mariam's tomb and Fatehpur Sikri with the circle office in Agra at a cost of Rs. 5,38,520. This network has helped the Circle headquarters to be in regular touch with the monuments and thus augmenting the security system in a cost effective manner.